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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	May 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Johnson, Professional Member, President
Dr. Marcia Halperin, Professional Member, Vice President
Dr. Mark Fleming, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Steve Eichel, Professional Member
Dr. Rick Brokaw, Professional Member
Eleanor Allione, Public Member
Joan McDonough, Public Member
Lee Wheeler, Public Member
Andrew Slater, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II
Patricia Davis Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Allione, to approve the minutes as presented.
The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Monitoring - Christopher Hyde, Ph.D

Dr. Johnson recused himself from the discussion regarding Dr. Hyde.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Dr. Hyde and still agreed with their previous decision to turn this matter over to the Division of Professional Regulation Investigative Unit.

Monitoring – Tamara Perry, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Dr. Perry as a result of the Board's Decision and Order. She submitted the continuing education (CE) credits that were required for the 2007 – 2009 renewal as well as a request for the Board to assign her a senior psychologist mentor. The Board approved the CE courses submitted and the professional members collectively chose four Psychologists, within the Wilmington are, that may be willing to mentor Dr. Perry during her probationary period.

Monitoring Earl Walker, Ph.D.

Mr. Slater recused himself from the discussion regarding Dr. Walker.

The Board reviewed the recent correspondences between the Board Office and Dr. Walker.

Because the Board has not received an appeal request from Dr. Walker or information on his supervision, he is out of compliance of the Decision and Order. The Board reiterated that he should be scheduled for another show cause hearing due to non-compliance of the Board Order. The hearing will be scheduled for May or June.

Final Post Renewal Audit

The Board reviewed the third and final submission of continuing education documentation from John Dettwyler, Ph.D. The Board was not pleased that a senior psychologist had such recordkeeping issues that required the Board to review his submissions on three separate occasions, which caused additional work for the Board and Board administrative staff. The Board accepted his documentation and approved his audit; however, it was decided that he would be flagged for audit for the next renewal due to violating Regulation 10.4, having misplaced his certificates and taking make-up courses outside the time frame without permission from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Initial Application for Psychologist

The Board reviewed the application of Dana Nicholson, Ph.D. The review concluded that she did not have a minimum of one year of direct supervision experience, and the ratio of supervision did not meet the requirements, which is one hour to every ten hours of direct clinical service.

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Allione, to propose to deny Dr. Nicholson's application due to not meeting the supervision requirements for licensure. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Cynthia Elko, Ph.D. The review concluded that she has met all of the requirements for licensure.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to approve Dr. Elko for a Psychologist's license.

The Board reviewed the application of Mark DeSantis, Ph.D. The review concluded that he has met all of the requirements of licensure.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Fleming, to approve Dr. DeSantis' application for a Psychologist's license.

Review of Applications to Sit for EPPP

Dr. Richard Brokaw recused himself from the discussion.

The Board reviewed the application of Roberta DeBastian, Ph.D. The review concluded that Dr. DeBastian's college doctorate program is not APA accredited; therefore, her coursework would have to be reviewed independently to insure that it meets all the requirements in Regulation 6. Her direct supervision also did not meet the Board's requirements.

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to propose to deny Dr. DeBastian's application. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for licensure of Edward Toyer, Ph.D. The review concluded that he has met all of the requirements for licensure.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to approve Dr. Toyer's application for licensure. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for licensure of Jeffrey Silverberg, Ph.D. The review concluded that Dr. Silverberg had a history of disciplinary action in another state.

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Brokaw, to propose to deny Dr. Silverberg's application on the basis that he had previous discipline and to send him a letter advising him that he can request a hearing and a waiver. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Psychological Assistant Registration

There were no applications to review.

Complaint Updates

None.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the March 3, 2010 memo from the Associated regarding the State of Oregon's proposal to allow licensed Psychologists to issue prescriptions. This memo was for informational purposes only and no action from the Board is necessary.

The Board members were given an updated listing of the APA accredited internships and post doctoral and doctoral programs in professional psychology to use as a reference for applications.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Fleming advised the Board that he has recently accepted another position, which will relocate him out of the State; therefore, he will have to resign in the near future. Ms. Fields advised him to give official notification to the Board Office and the Governor's Office so a replacement could be found.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for May 3, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Fields". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II
Board of Examiners of Psychologists